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Where is it easier to train or relax?



Protected Bikeways







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population
43,298

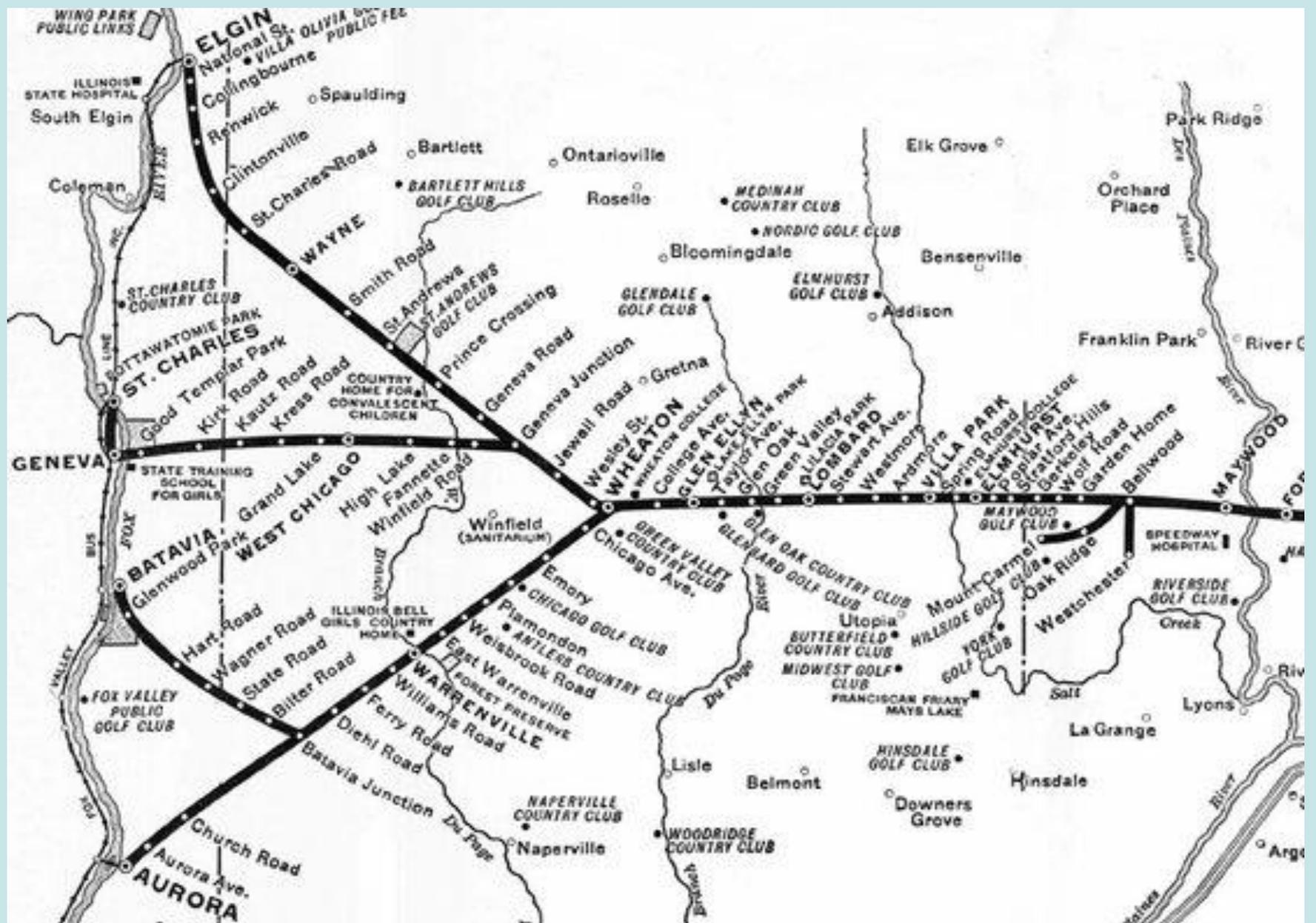






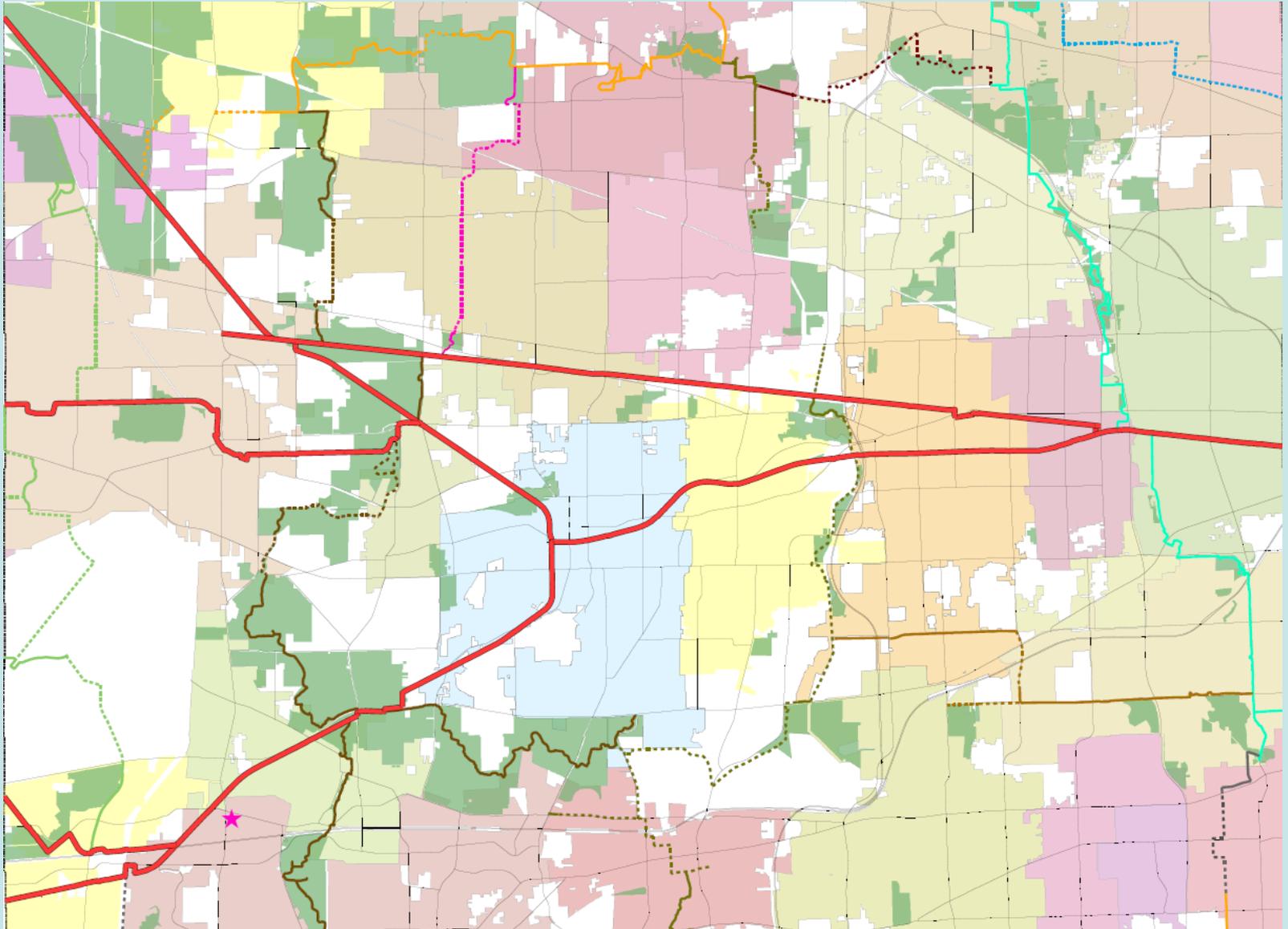
DuPage County Trail System Origins





Aurora-Elgin Electric Railroad

The Illinois Prairie Path

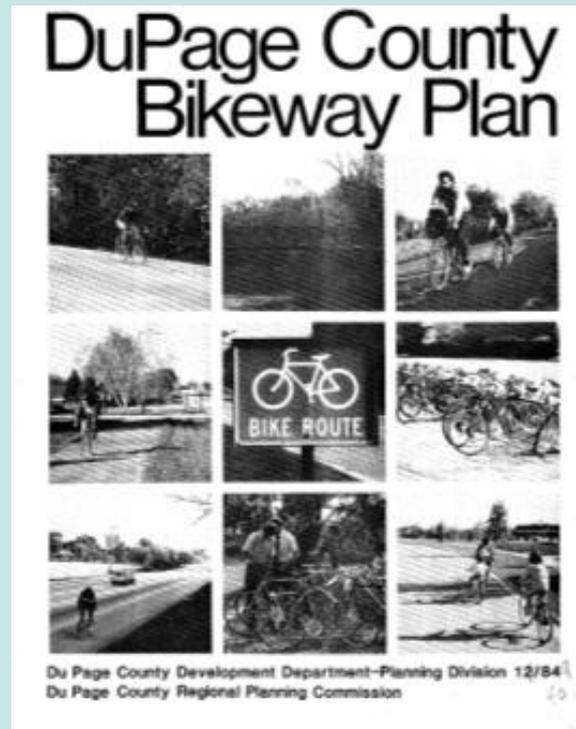


DuPage County Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning



1984 Bike Plan

- Recognized bicycle as transportation
- Provide safe, efficient, and coordinated regional movements; overcome barriers
- Encourage interagency coordination; connect local trails into larger network
- Subsequent updates in 1996 and 2008



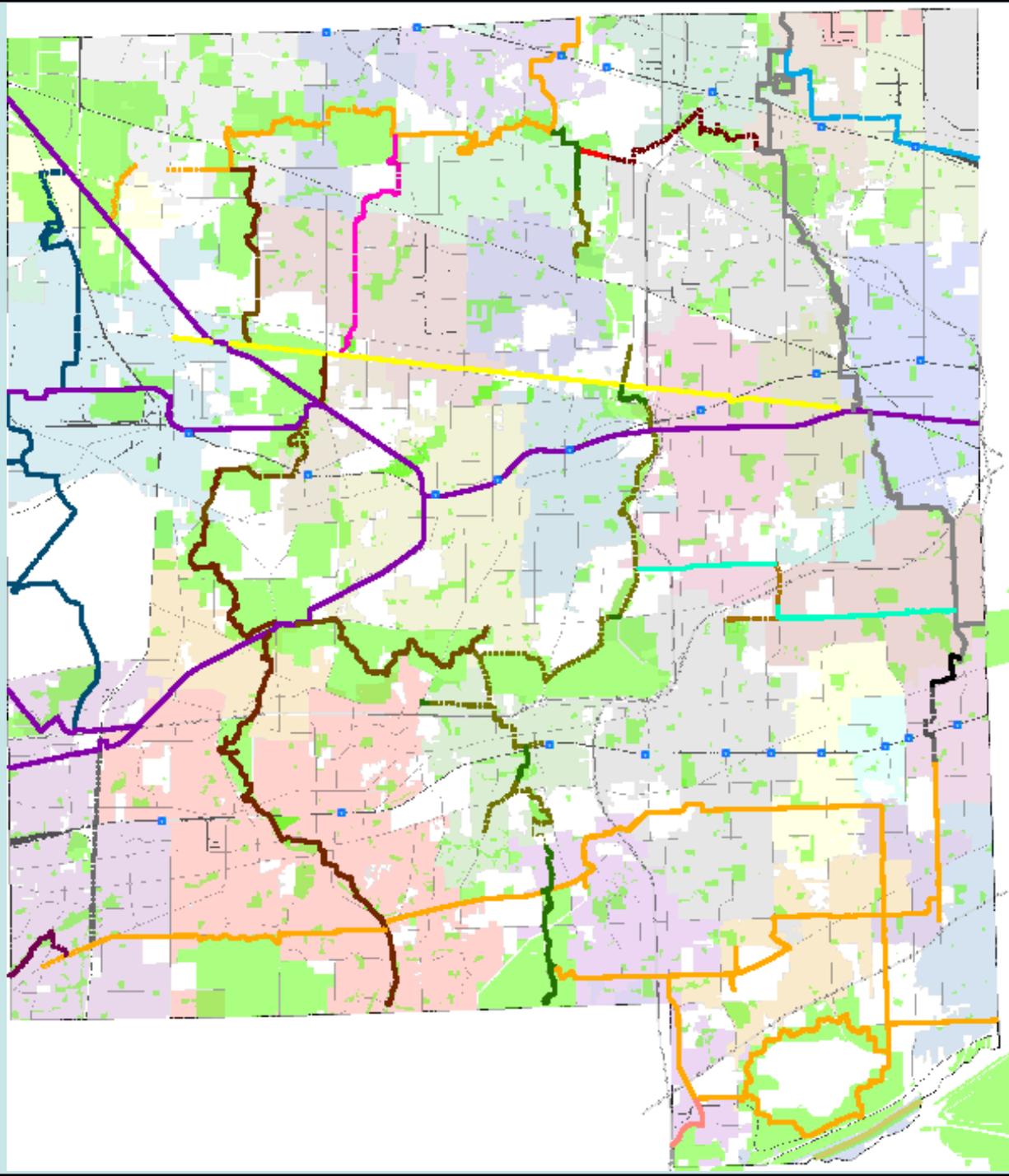
18 Regional Trails ID'd

COMPLETED TRAILS:

- Illinois Prairie Path
- Great Western Trail
- Southern DuPage Trail
- Salt Creek Trail
- Centennial Trail

NEARLY COMPLETED TRAILS:

- Virgil Gilman
- West Branch DuPage River
- I-88 Central DuPage
- North Central DuPage Regional



DuPage County Bicycling Infrastructure

Facility Type	Local Network		Regional Network		Total	
	Existing	Proposed	Existing	Proposed	Existing	Proposed
Bicycle Routes	96	72	25	13	121	85
Bicycle Lanes	9	3	7	2	16	5
Off-Road Trails & Multi-Use Paths	170	43	170	45	340	88
Undetermined	2	83	7	30	9	113
2012 Total Bikeway Miles	277	201	209	90	486	291
1996 Bikeway Plan Total					197	274

Resident Access to Trails

Population near the Priage Path / GWT

Trail / Buffer	Population	% DuPage Population	Forest Preserves	Trail Miles
IPP/GWT 1/2 Mile	154,642	16.9%	10	53
IPP/GWT 1 Mile	239,694	26.1%		

Population near a Regional Trail

Trail / Buffer	Population	Suburbs	Forest Preserves	Trail Miles
Regional Trails 1/4 Mi	321,670	35.1%		486
Regional Trails 1/2 Mi	508,291	55.4%		
Regional Trails 1 Mile	767,831	83.7%		
ALL DUPAGE CO	916,924		53	

DuPage County Healthy Road Policy



2004 DuPage Healthy Roads Policy

- Commitment to make future county roadways better for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Allows for bicycle-friendly roadway designs, acquisition of right-of-way for non-motorized improvements, and implementation of low-cost improvements such as re-striping existing roadways and paving shoulders.



Healthy Roads Policy - Results

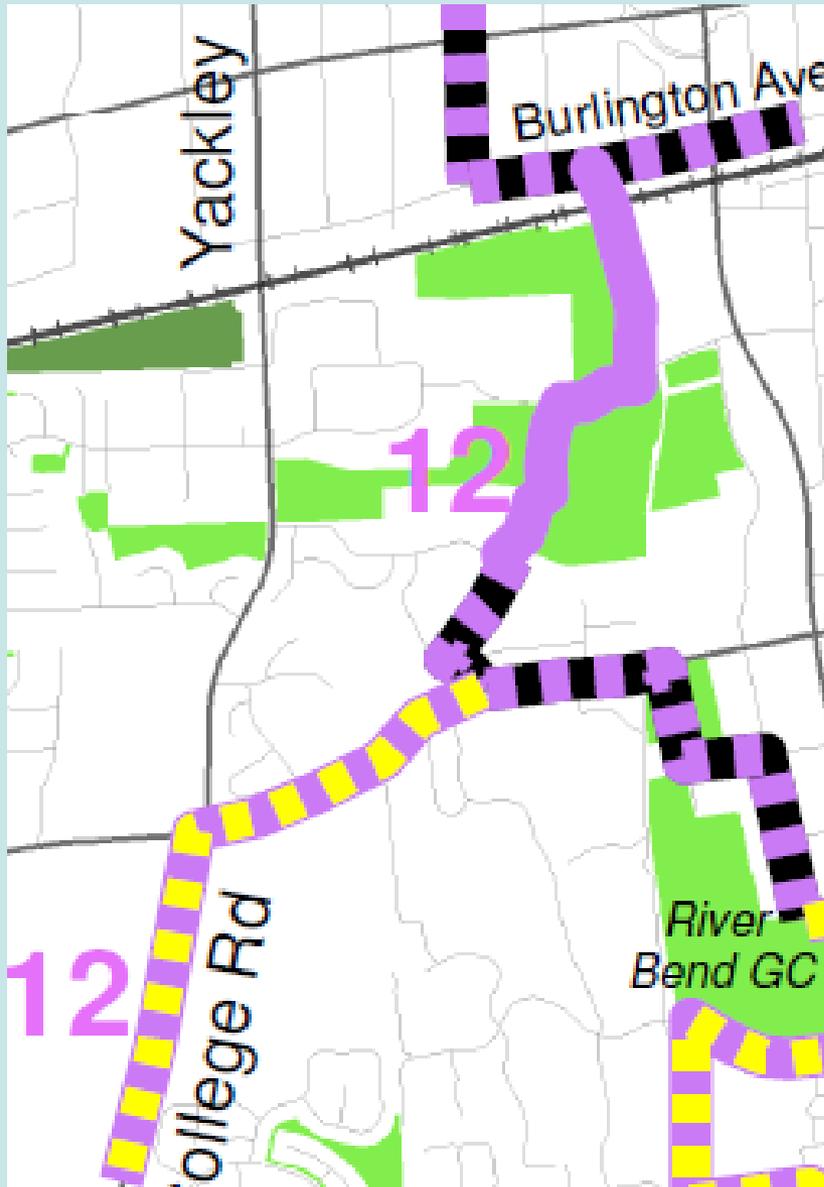
- 20+ new roadway construction projects with bicycle-pedestrian improvements
- Segments of the Southern DuPage Regional Trail
- Improved public input for projects

Existing Bikeway Projects

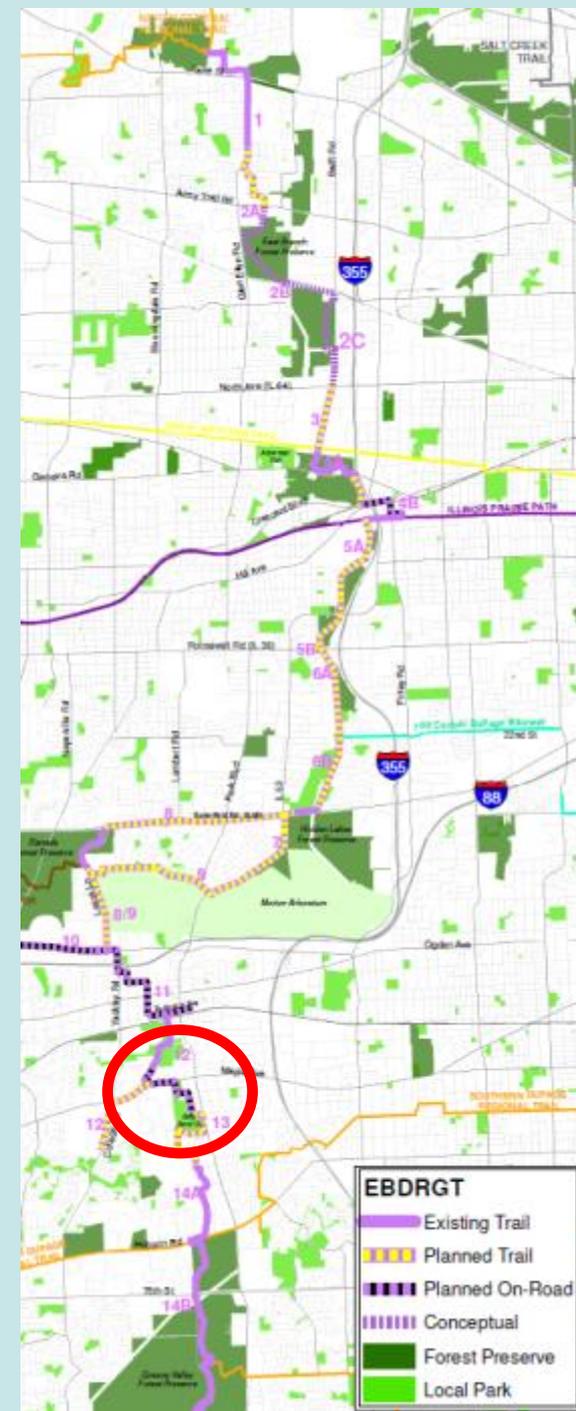
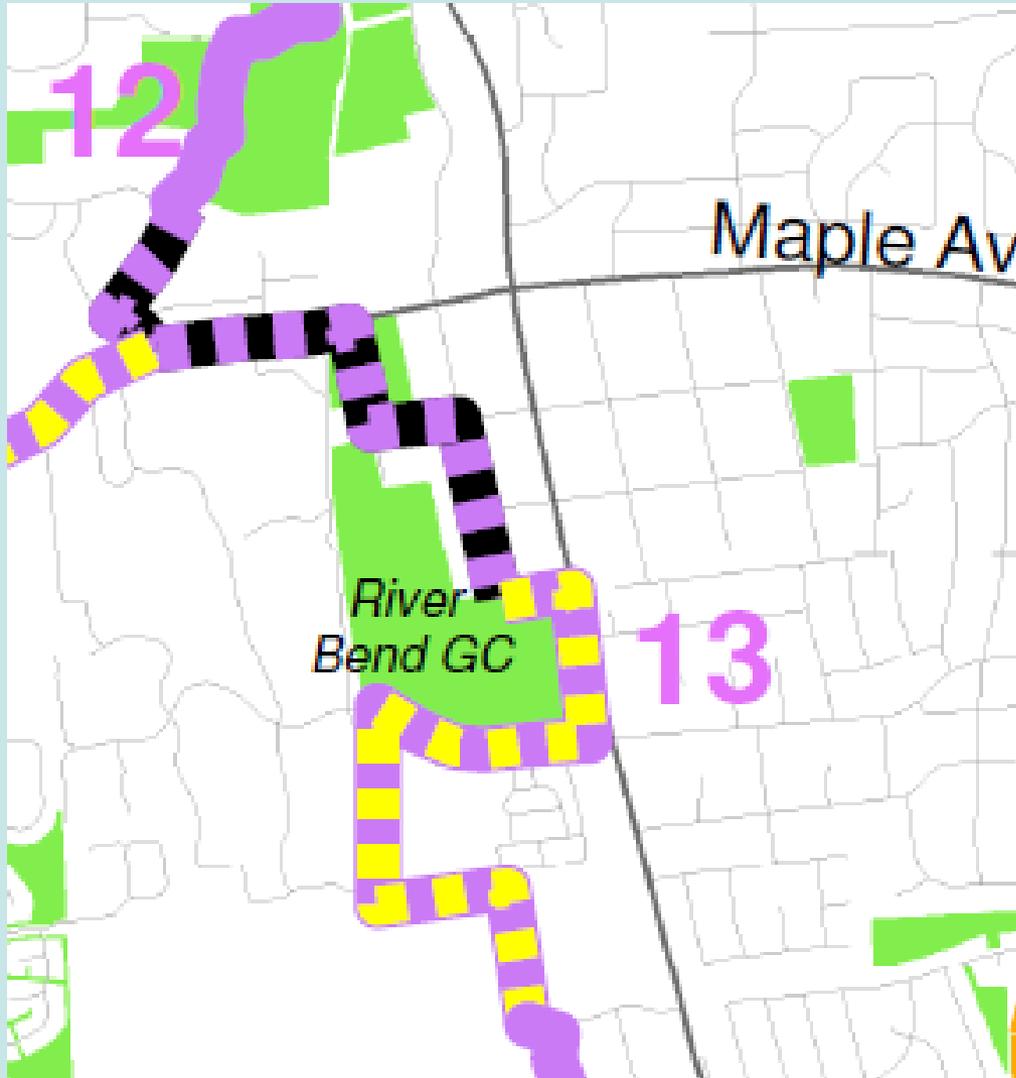
North-Central DuPage Regional Trail – County Farm Bridge & Trail Link



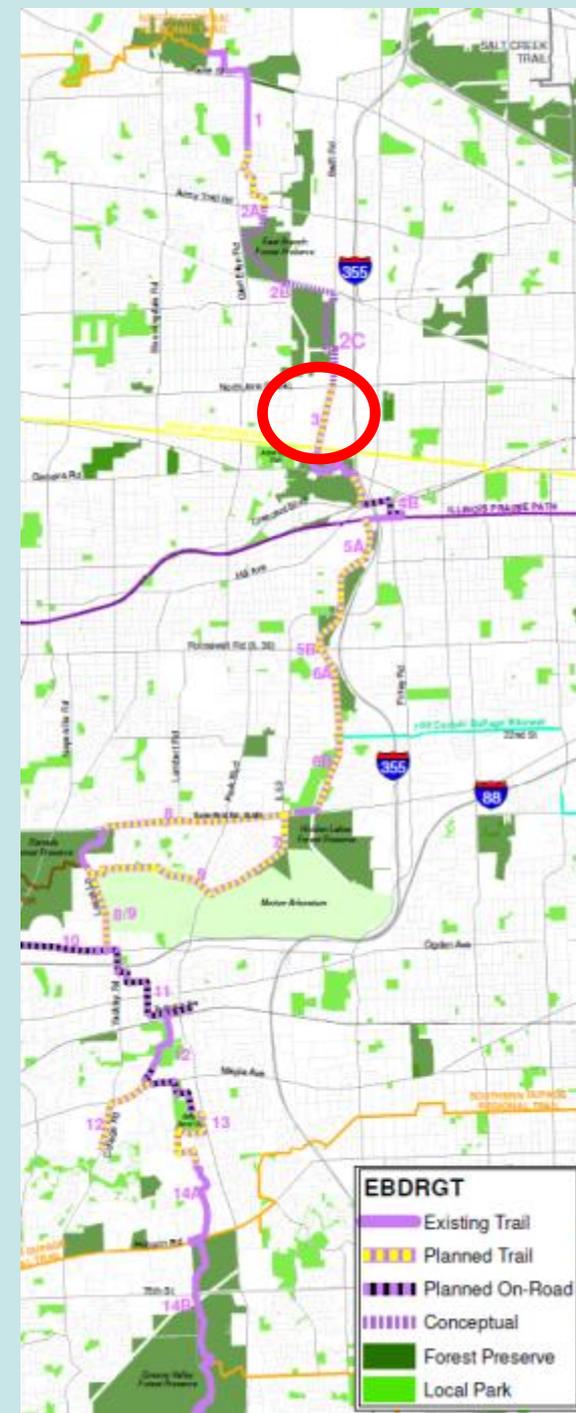
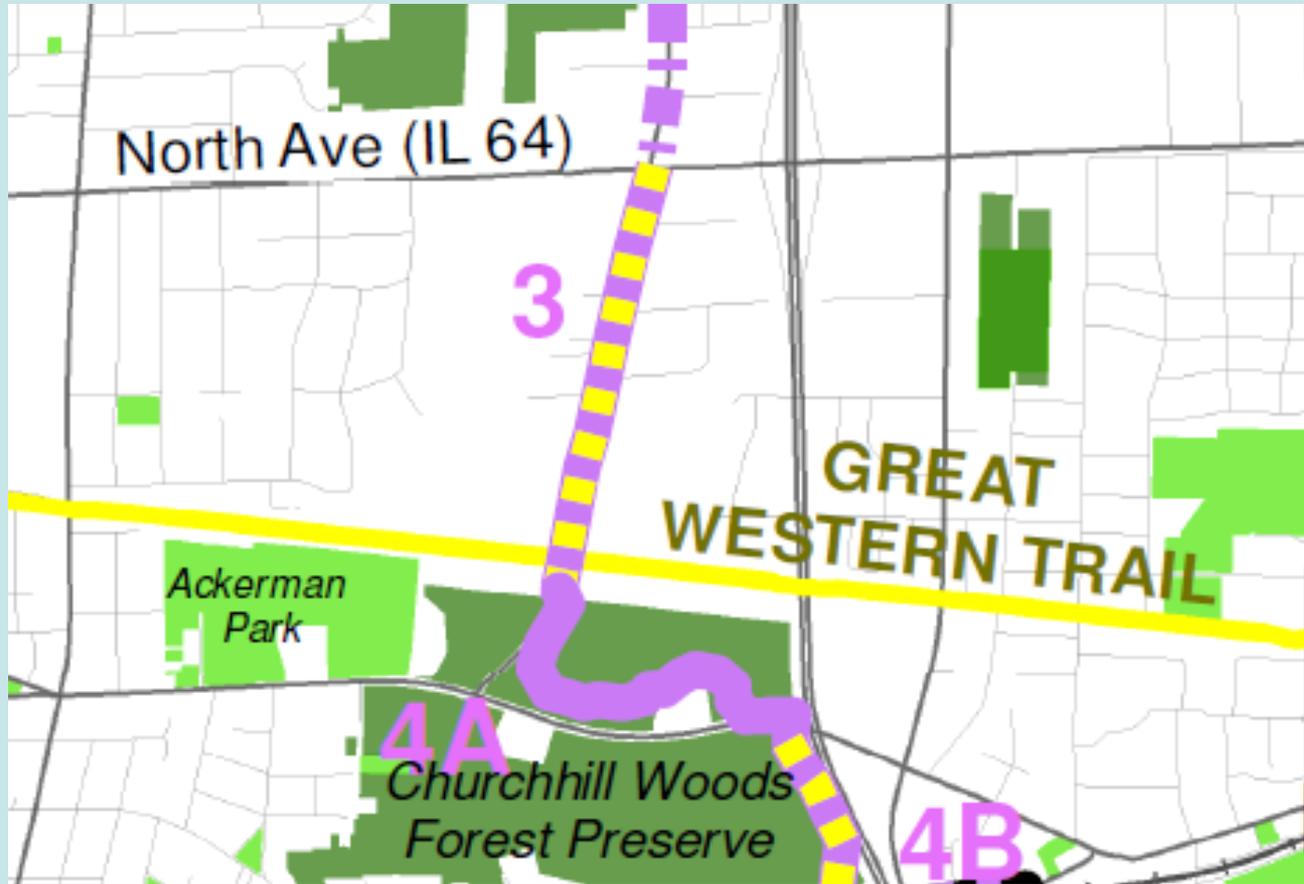
Benedictine Connector (EBDRT)



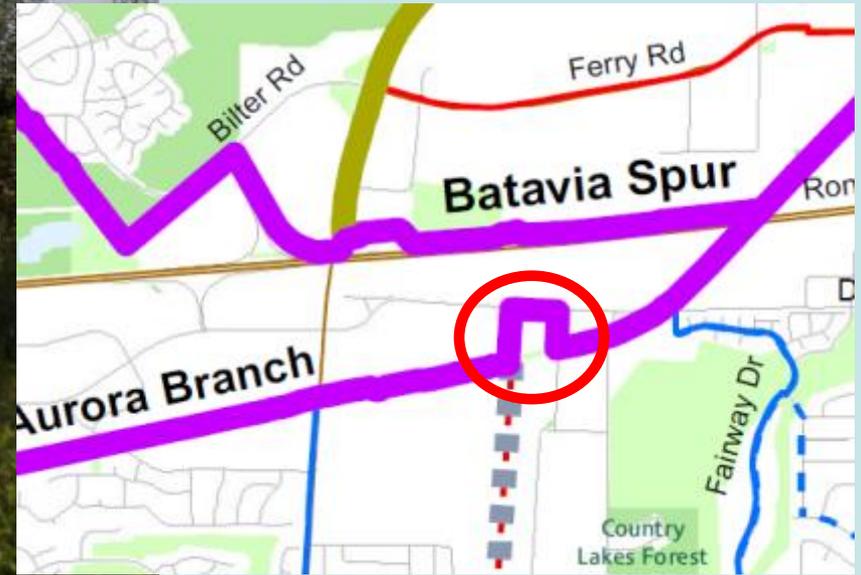
South Lisle – Woodridge (EBDRT)



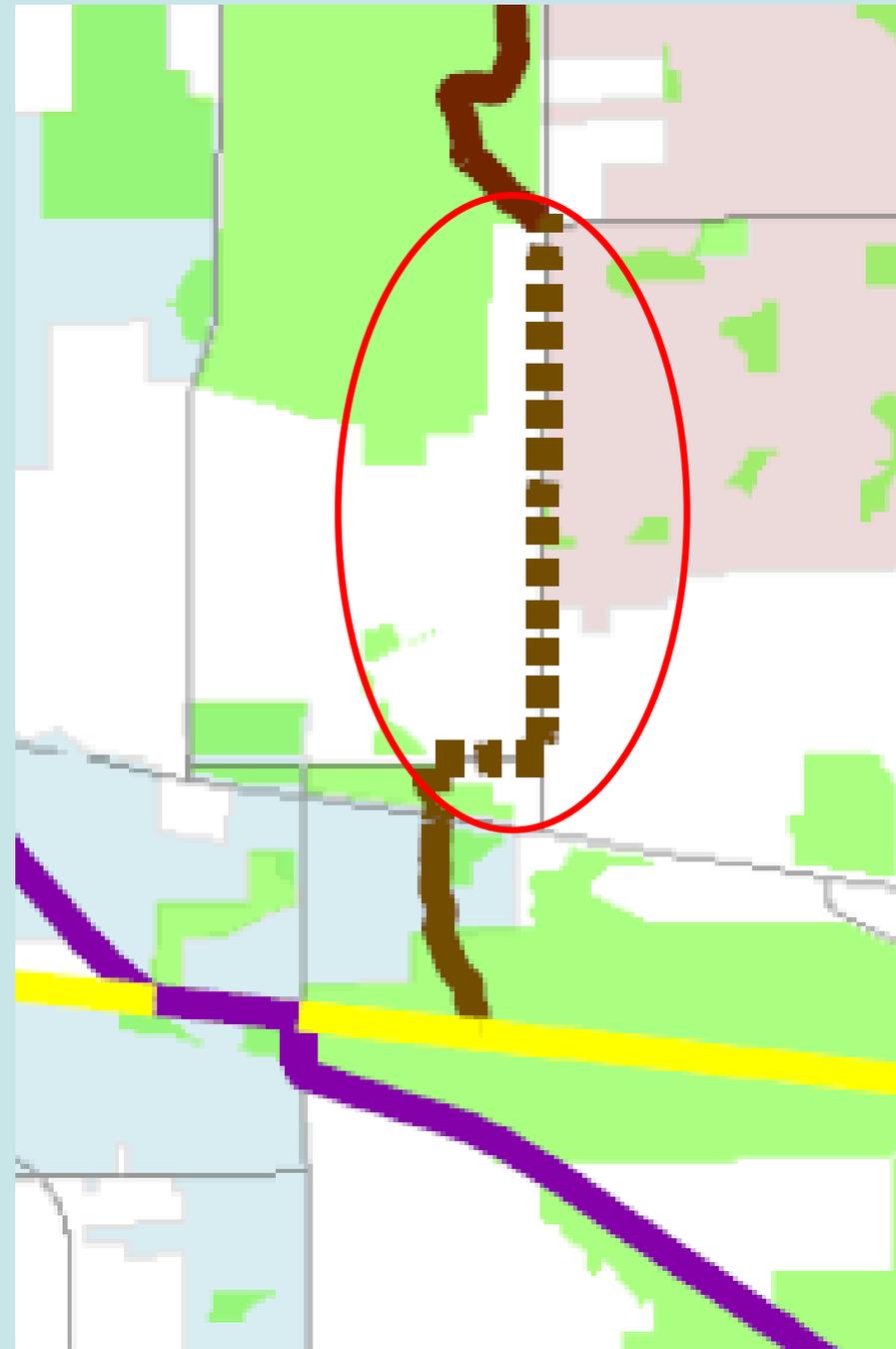
Swift Road Trail (EBDRGT)



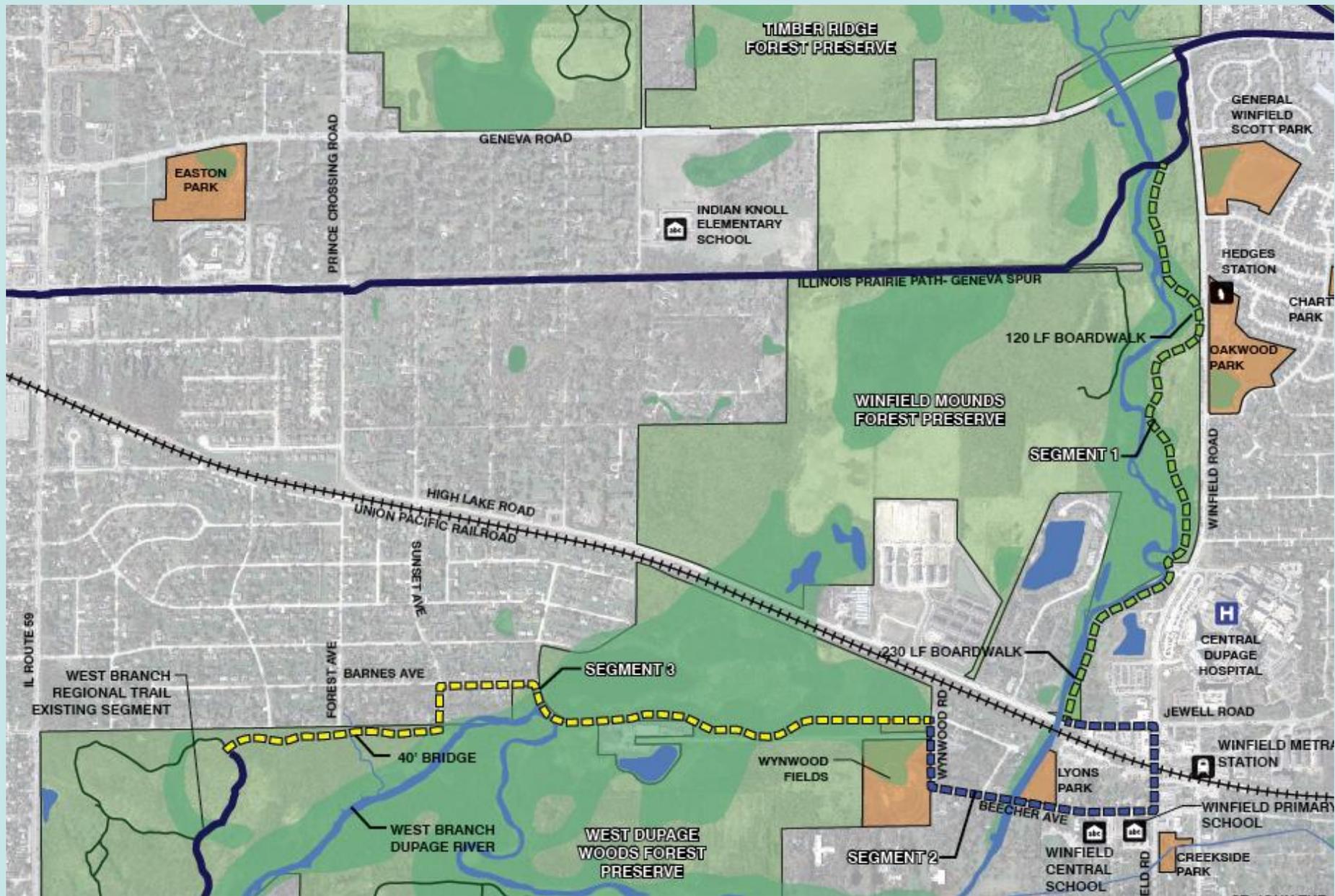
IPP Aurora Branch – CN Railroad Underpass



Fair Oaks Road Trail (WBDRT)



Winfield Mounds (WBDRT)



**DuPage County
Trails 2013
Accomplishments**

Great Western Trail Bridge @ Chase Street



IPP Trail Count Study



Eagle Scout Projects



Adopt-A-Trail



ComEd Vegetation Maintenance



Tourism & Loop Maps



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Welcome to Bikeways and Trails

This website provides information on all bicycle and pedestrian activities undertaken by the DuPage County Division of Transportation. This includes 92 miles trails operated and maintained by DuPage County such as the Illinois Prairie Path and Great Western Trail ([View "About Bikeways"](#)).

Main

For the most recent information concerning trail development, [view "Bikeway Project Status"](#).

Use the Trails; Catch the Color Rides

Lisle / Naperville Ride

On Sunday, October 6, 2013, before sharing in the fun of the Green Trails Block Party, there will be a self guided or guided ride to introduce people from all over the area to some of the beautiful opportunities for walking, biking, inline skating or other self propelled means of transportation and recreation in the Lisle area. For those interested you can show up at Bicycles Etc. in College Square sometime between 10 a.m. and noon on October 6th. You may want to stop at Safari Café also in College Square as early as 9:30 a.m. for some carbo-loading and a cup of coffee, tea or other beverages.

At the bike shop you will receive a map of the trails. You can also have your bike checked if you haven't ridden it in a while. There will be people there who you can talk to about bike safety, and trail etiquette. If you would like a guided tour, we will have a tour guide leaving every half hour from 10 a.m. to noon. Once you decide on a route and start pedaling, you can ride or walk anywhere from 6 to 40 miles or less because you can turn around whenever you want. You never have to travel on a road, but there will be some streets you'll have to cross. You can cross all streets at intersections with stop light and cross

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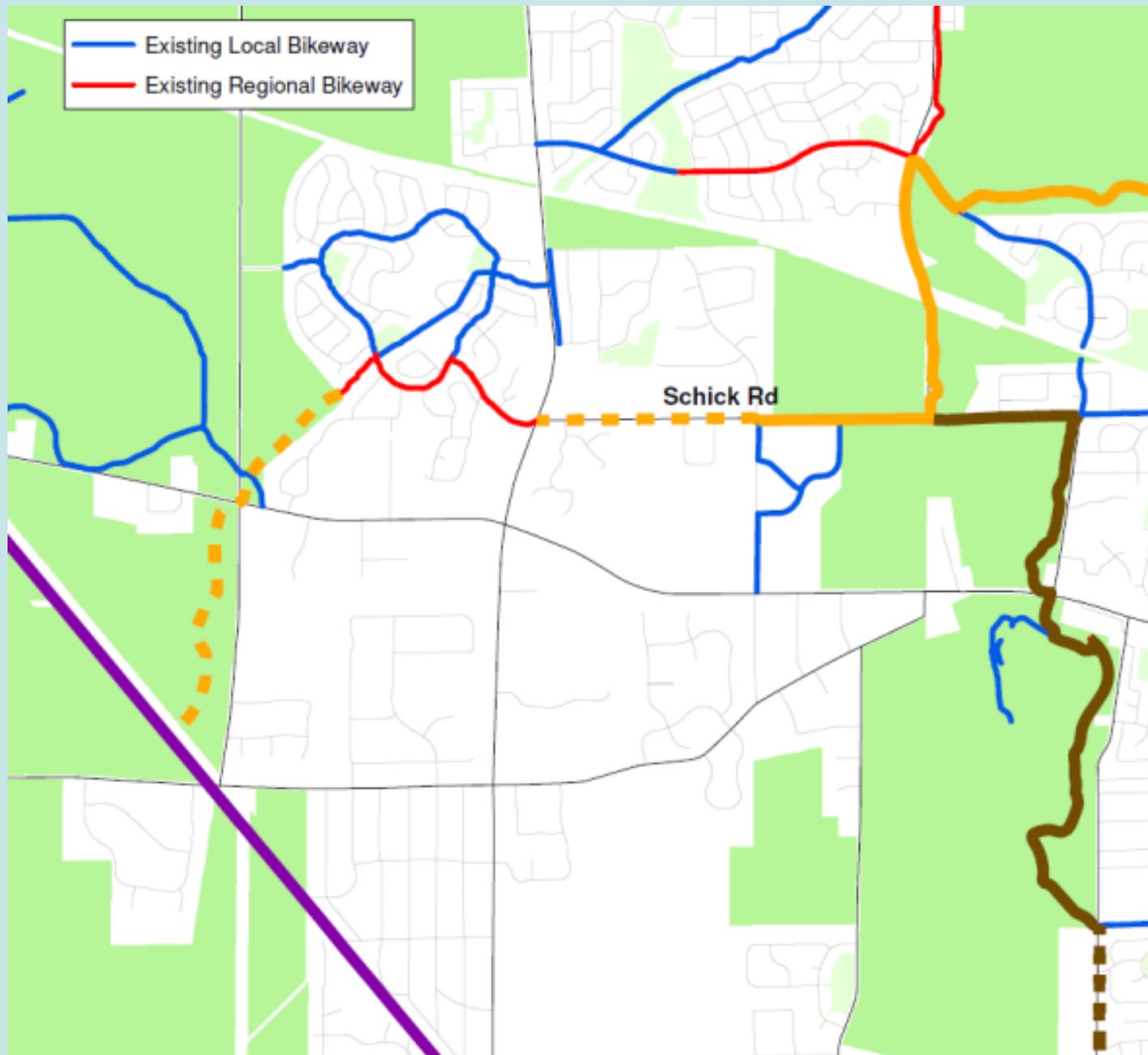
[Map a bike route](#)

Trail Closure and Maintenance Alerts

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2014 Projects

Schick Road Bikeway (North Central Trail)



GWT Extension to IL 59



GWT & County Farm Feasibility study



GWT Access to Ackerman Park (Glen Ellyn)



GWT Trail Counts



Other Potential Projects

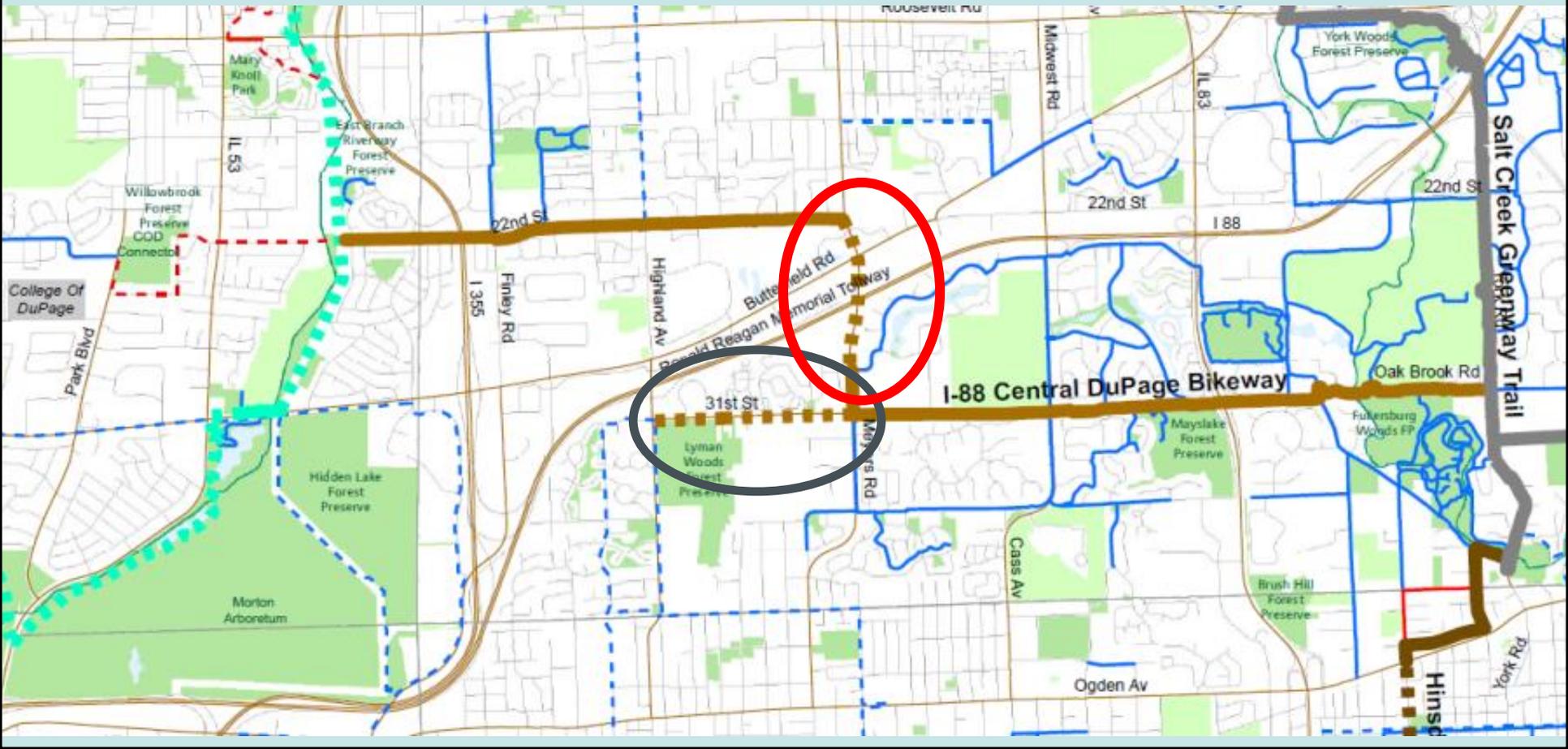
- **Promotion of Mobile Applications**
- **Signage Plan**
- **ATA Intersection Study**
- **Regional Trail Connections to Will & Cook Counties**
- **Bike Tourism in DuPage County**
- **Complete Streets Advocacy**
- **Elgin-O'Hare Connections**
- **Internal Phase I Projects**

Long Term Projects

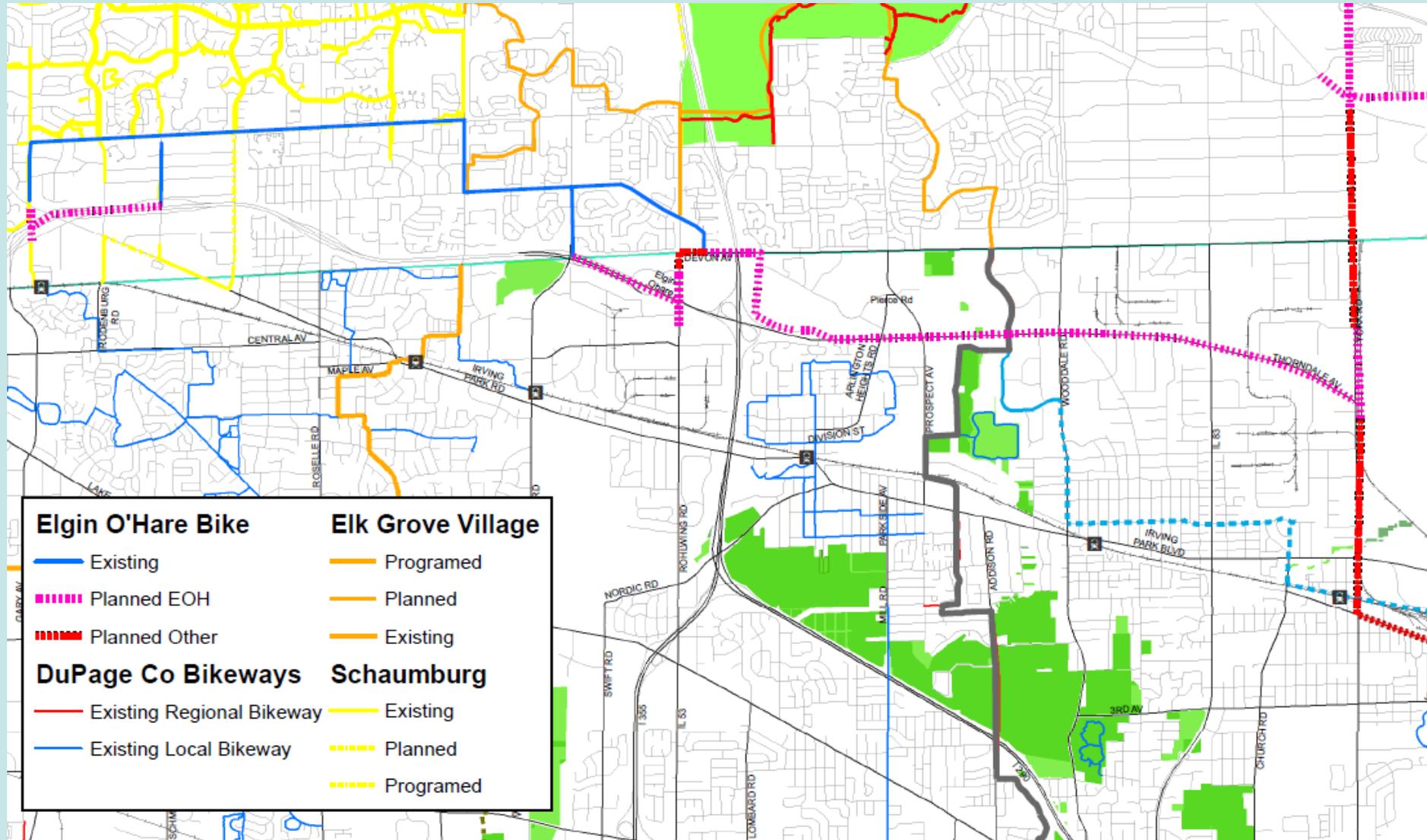
Improved Safety at GWT Trail Crossings



I-88 Central DuPage Bikeway



Elgin-O'Hare Expressway Bicycle Accommodations



Other Long Term Projects

- **West Branch Trail Gap Study south of Winfield Mounds (last trail gap)**
- **Farm Forest / Community Gardens**
- **Connections to Cantigny & Morton Arboretum**
- **East Branch Trail between Swift and Army Trail Road**
- **Complete North Central DuPage Regional Trail (west of Schick Road)**

Trails Issues Challenges

Environmental Changes to Trail Planning

- More Competition for Funding; Funding Rules Have Changed
- Regional Emphasis to Develop the Elgin O'Hare Expressway
- Low Hanging Fruit in the Regional Trail System "Picked"
- Elected Official Turnover

DuPage County Trails Coordinator-- Mission Evolution

- Continue Planning and Development, but reduce focus
- Safety of Existing System
- Promotion of System
- Tout Health Benefits with Partners

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